There are several things to keep in mind when recycling electronics in Wisconsin:

- Electronics should not go in your recycling cart. The facilities that recycle them are different than the ones for curbside recyclables.
- Batteries found in many electronics can spark and cause a fire in your recycling bin or garbage can, especially if the battery is swollen or damaged.
- Be sure to wipe your data from devices such as computers, tablets and cellphones.
- Ask questions about where your electronics are going and how they are handled. There may be a fee to recycle some electronics, especially TVs and monitors.

**RESOURCES:**
The DNR maintains a list of electronics collection sites and mail-back programs. Go to [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) and search “ecycle.”
The nonprofit organization Call2Recycle has a list of battery recycling sites: [www.call2recycle.org](http://www.call2recycle.org).
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THE FOLLOWING RECYCLABLES ARE REQUIRED TO BE COLLECTED BY ALL CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAMS OR DROP-OFF LOCATIONS IN THE STATE:

- ALUMINUM CONTAINERS
- GLASS CONTAINERS
- STEEL, TIN AND BI-METAL CONTAINERS
- NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES AND OTHER MATERIALS PRINTED ON SIMILAR PAPER
- CORRUGATED CARDBOARD AND OTHER CONTAINER BOARD
- #1 AND #2 PLASTIC BOTTLES AND JARS SUCH AS MILK JUGS, LAUNDRY DETERGENT BOTTLES, SODA AND WATER BOTTLES

These materials should not go in the recycling:
- Loose plastic bags
- “Tanglers” such as cords, hoses, light strings, ropes and wires
- Needles/sharps
- Propane cylinders
- Clothing/textiles
- Personal protective equipment such as masks, gloves and disinfectant wipes

Additional tips:
- Break down shipping and food boxes
- Rinse containers and cans
- Keep recyclables dry and clean
- Put items in the recycling bin or dumpster, not alongside
- DO NOT PUT ITEMS IN PLASTIC BAGS

RESOURCES:
- For a full list of materials banned from the trash, go to dnr.wi.gov and search “what to recycle.”
- For a DNR map of sharps collection sites, go to dnr.wi.gov and search “sharps.”
- For sites to recycle materials that should not go in your cart, check the Wisconsin Recycling Markets Directory: WisconsinRecyclingDirectory.com.

Check with your local recycling program or hauler for an exact list of what they accept — many take additional materials. Contamination is a big issue reported by Wisconsin recycling facilities. Following best practices and keeping out unwanted materials really helps! If in doubt, throw it out.